Record Nr. UNINA9910807123803321 Autore Woody Robert Henley Titolo Legal self-defense for mental health practitioners : quality care and risk management strategies / / Robert Henley Woody New York, : Springer Pub. Co., c2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa 1-78539-299-9 **ISBN** 0-8261-9566-0 Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (173 p.) Disciplina 616.890068 Soggetti Mental health personnel - Malpractice Mental health personnel - Professional ethics Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia Mental health practitioners under siege -- Social psychology of Nota di contenuto practitioner vulnerability: avoiding psychological errors -- Knowing the opposition -- A protective shield for professional services -- The practice context -- Business savvy: structuring and operating a mental health business -- Dealing with attorneys and the legal system --Threatening and dangerous service users -- Appropriate defensiveness -- Avoiding ethical and licensing complaints and legal challenges. Sommario/riassunto At some point in their careers, mental health professionals may face legal action from clients. Clients may be non-compliant regarding policies agreed upon at the outset of therapeutic services, not adhere to an individualized treatment plan, be inappropriately aggressive, and file unjustified ethics and licensing complaints and/or lawsuits. Unfortunately, many mental health practitioners are not prepared for such actions and suffer great distress that affects their professional and personal lives. This practical text, written by an author who is both

a psychologist and an attorney, demonstrate